

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(beaven01.001)

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| <b>Applicant:</b>      | Douglas F. Beaven | <b>Confirmation No.:</b> 2986     |
| <b>Application No:</b> | 09/312,740        | <b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3623       |
| <b>Filed:</b>          | 5/14/99           | <b>Examiner:</b> Boswell, Beth V. |

**Title:** *Processing management information*

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to a new ground of rejection by the Board of Appeals under  
37 C.F.R. 41.50(b)**

**Status of the prosecution**

Claims 191-211 are pending in the above application. Applicant was notified of a decision of the Board of Appeals in Appeal 2009-012140 in the application on 6/20/2011. In the decision, the Board reversed all of Examiner's claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 but raised a new ground of rejection by rejecting claims 191-196 and 211 under 35 U.S.C 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant is reopening prosecution in this application as provided by 37 C.F.R. 41.50(b), and is hereby amending his independent claim 211 to overcome the new ground of rejection, is further amending independent claim 198 to bring it into conformity with amended claim 211, and is amending his dependent claims to bring them into conformity with claim 198 or 211 as amended and to correct typographical errors noted by Applicant.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**